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THE Wonderful Deliverance AT SEA OR,

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The miraculous Preservation of several Persons

belonging to the Ship called WILLIAM and DOROTHY, lately cast away in a Voyage to NEW-CASTLE.

Who by a most Gracious Providence were kept alive for the space of Twelve Days and Nights without any Food, in a Small Boat, on the Main Sea: In all which time, onely one Child Perished, being Starved to Death with Cold and Hunger, and the rest were at last taken up, and carried into Holland

On the 28*th.* of *November* Last.

And Several of them are now safely arrived in ENGLAND.

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IT is an Obſervation in ſacred Scripture, *That thoſe that go down to the Sea in ſhips ſee the wonders of the Lord in the deep*; which was fully made good in this miraculous deliverance, that we are here to relate; which happened but the very laſt month in our own Seas, and to perſons of our own Nation.

IN the ſecond Week of the month of *November* laſt paſt, a ſmall Veſſel called the *William* and *Dorothy*, fell down out of the River intending to ſteer along the Coaſts to *New-caſtle*, haveing on board of Seamen and Paſſengers about five and twenty perſons; They ſail'd with a fair wind and good weather till they came off of *Flamborough-Head* (a ſmall Promontory in *Yorkſhire*) where being ſurprized with a ſtorm, they were driven out to Sea, and the

among them, chewing of it in their mouths, which (providence ſo ordering of it) nouriſhed them ſo as to preſerve their lives, but continuing floating up and down thus eight days and Nights, the poor Child ſtarved with cold and hunger; upon which a great diſpute aroſe amongſt them whether they ſhould not devour its raw fleſh being in that exceſsive exigency; but at laſt the intreaties of its Mother, and conſiderations of humanity prevailed ſo far with 'um as to ſuffer it to be flung over board to be buried in the vaſt abiſs of Waters.

It would be eaſie here to draw Tears from every compaſsionate Readers eyes by a pathetical diſcription of theſe poor forlorn Wretches condition, but indeed Words are too little to expreſs it to the Life, and we muſt leave it to his imagination to draw a true *Idea* of their miſery, which none can fully do, but ſuch as are ſenſible by experience of the tormenting effects of Famine, and a proſpect of Inevitable Death continually before their eyes, and have themſelves born a ſhare in ſome ſuch like grievous calamity. It may ſound like a Romantick action, but it is a moſt ſerious and well known Truth that they continued driving forwards and backwards as the wind ſhifted its points, in this manner for the ſpace of eight days longer. And it cannot be denyed, that nothing but the ſpecial and extraordinary providence of Heaven could have ſo long preſerved them, that they were not overturn'd by the Winds, ſwallowed up by the Waves, or daſh'd to pieces

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againſt Rocks, or at leaſt that they were not utterly pined and famiſhed for want of Food is next to a miracle if we may not truly count it one: but that over-ruling power that ſtills the rageing of the Sea, and bounds it at his pleaſure, was graciouſly pleaſed to hear their cry, to ſupport languiſhing nature even againſt hope, and calm the Ocean for their ſafety.

Inſomuch that after eight days fluctuation they were caſt upon the Coaſt of *Holland*, and driven aſhore on the Iſle, where the inhabitants ſeeing ſo ſmall a Boat come off from Sea, with perſons in it, concluding them to be the remnants of ſome wrack, charitably went down to receive them; they were all exceeding weak, not able at firſt to ſpeak or go; but being taken in by the people, and put into warm Beds, and ſupplyed with Cordials to reſtore their ſpirits, they in ſhort time recovered, and related all the particulars of their diſtreſs in manner aforeſaid; and from thence after ſome ſpace of refreſhing were carried in a ſhip to *Harlingen*, and ſo came to *Rotterdam*, where the young man continues, but the three women took the opportunity of a Veſſel bound for *Scotland*, to go thither, being of that Nation; and the old man came over to *England* in the Pacquet-Boat; and does with much thankſgiving relate Gods Wonderful Mercy in this great and miraculous deliverance.

As for the rest of their ships crew, which were taken up before by the *Dutch*-Caper, they were set on shore in *Lincoln-shire*, and divers of them were several days ago arrived at *London*, confidently reporting these five persons to have been cast away, as they had all the reason in the world to imagine, till the sight of the old man convinced them of that mistake.

Thus may we from this certain Relation take occasion to magnifie the Lord for his mercies, and learn to put all our trust in the Arm of his might, when surrounded with the greatest straights and distresses; when Art is baffled, and nature sinks, and the spirits faint, and hope it self dispairs, then can he command relief and deliverance. Oh! who would not trust in so great a God? who would not love and adore so good a God?

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